

NEWSNOTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK...

Dear Parents,

As we settle into the routines of a new academic year, our school has begun working towards achieving our annual goals. One of our goals is to uphold and enforce our student code of conduct and dress code.

While the revised dress code is more relaxed than it has been in the past and the code of conduct was written in an equitable way as possible, upholding and enforcing rules and issuing fair consequences is not an enjoyable process for anyone involved. Parents may be frustrated, students may be uncomfortable, and teachers may think their time would be better spent on other school-related tasks.

Conflict is unavoidable and inevitable.

One of my personal goals as I work with students, parents, teachers, and all SME stakeholders is to be comfortable when engaged in conflict. Though conflict is not enjoyable or easy, resolving conflicts in an agreeable manner is essential for our school’s and community’s continued growth.

When working with others, it is always my goal and intention to come to a solution that all involved can agree to, with an appropriate, soft tone suggested in Proverbs 15. After gaining as much information as possible and educating myself, I also work to resolve conflict as quickly and efficiently as possible. Finally and perhaps most importantly, I strive to improve impacted relationships through the conflict resolution process.

I encourage everyone to understand more about those whose ideas are different than your own, work to ensure that relationships are evolving positively, and find peaceful, productive solutions when we are engaged in conflict with others, If we all are able to do this, we will indeed be living kind, tenderhearted, and forgiving people, as Paul urges in his letter to the Ephesians.

I hope to see everyone tomorrow evening at Meet the Teacher Night tomorrow evening.

Mr. Olejniczak

AFTERSCHOOL CARE



Tomorrow, September 29th we will be ending the Afterschool Care Program at **5:00!**
This will enable our teachers to prepare for Meet the Teacher Night which begins @ 5:30.
We thank you for your understanding!

BY THE NUMBERS

In this section we will talk about the numbers of our fundraisers; the good, the bad and the most up to date as possible!

We offer a wide variety of opportunities to support SME and will be changing things up this year with our offerings.

We understand that every fundraiser will not be for everyone, but we do appreciate any & all support you can give!

Year round ways to help:

- ◇ Boxtops 4 Education
- ◇ Amazon Smile (search for St. Mary of the Assumption)
- ◇ RaiseRight Program



FALL PICTURE DAY

Fall picture day is scheduled for:

Tues. 10/11 for Pre-K 3 & Grades 3-8
Wed. 10/12 for Pre-K 4 & Grades K-2

Students are allowed to dress up on picture day, but should always adhere to the dress code outlined in the uniform policy.

Inter-State Photography has shifted to online ordering! Payment is still accepted by check as well with the order form coming home on 10/5.

STREAM WALK-A-THON

Our Walk-a-Thon will be held on Monday, October 3rd and we ask that all pledge form/permission slips be returned by then.

Pledge money can be turned in ahead of the walk with your form or collected after and returned by Friday 10/7. All pledge money will be utilized to further grow the STREAM supplies & academy kits as well as funding STREAM field trips & transportation.

We ask that all students come to school in their SME gym t-shirts, SME Spirit Wear, or SME hoodie or sweatshirt if the weather is cool. Jeans are permitted.

HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Room Parents - We are looking forward to meeting with the room parents for the school year briefly tomorrow evening!

Scholastic Book Fair 9/28-9/29- Chairperson: Jenny Sparmo (jennifersparmo@gmail.com)

We are excited for our book fair and hope you are too! Students are encouraged to bring a reusable bag with them to shop and transport their books home! The fair will be open during Meet the Teacher Night for shopping as well!

The Home School Association (our PTA) is a vital group of volunteers who work to ensure the positive growth of our school community. The HSA team will host a variety of events & fundraisers throughout the school year. Please keep your eye on the NewsNote, opportunities to help throughout the year will be noted here. There will be options of behind the scenes work as well as in-house hands on jobs.

Here is a snapshot of what is in store this fall...

September:
Room Parents established
Great Lakes Coffee Fundraiser (9/28-10/13)
Meet The Teacher Night (which will incorporate our Scholastic Book Fair) 9/29, 5:30-7:30.

October:
Hart & Home catalog fundraiser (dates TBD)
Little Caesars Pizza Fundraiser (dates TBD)
My Little Sweetheart Event 10/14 7:00
Trunk or Treat Night 10/28 6-8pm
Red Ribbon Week 10/23-10/28

November:
Craft & Vendor Fair 11/12 - *Would you share our Facebook Event on your page to spread the word?*

We understand that every fundraiser will not be for everyone, but we do appreciate any & all support you can give!



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **9/29** - Meet the Teacher Night 5:30-7:30
- **9/28-9/29** - Book Fair
- **10/3** - STREAM Walk-a-Thon
- **10/7 - NO SCHOOL:** Diocesan PD Day
- **10/10 - NO SCHOOL:** Columbus Day
- **10/11** - School Picture Day (*Pre-K 3 & Grades 3-8*)
- **10/12** - School Picture Day (*Pre-K 4 & Grades K-2*)
- **10/14** - Christian Witness Mass, 8:30am
- **10/14** - My Little Sweetheart Event 7-9
- **10/23-10/28** Red Ribbon Week
- **10/28** - Trunk or Treat 6-8pm
- **11/10 10:45 Early Dismissal** P/T Conf.
- **11/12** Vendor & Craft Fair

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UPON THIS HILL,
WE DO GOD'S WILL



RAISERIGHT

As we transition to our new RaiseRight team we appreciate your understanding with any delays in processing your RaiseRight orders.

We will once again be hosting RaiseRight sales here in our school building. Walk in orders are welcome in the mornings on Monday's, Wednesday's & Fridays from 8-10:00.

We could still use a few volunteers to expand our sellers team! If you are interested in helping please contact Mrs. Kuhn (secretary@smeschool.com). Job Description: Sell payment/gift cards out of our stock inventory box within our morning office hours.

For a complete list of participating retailers visit the RaiseRight website: <https://www.raiseright.com/brands>

If you have any questions, please email raiseright@smeschool.com. We are here for you!



HANDBOOK / UNIFORM POLICY

Our Handbook has been uploaded to the SME website and is accessible here:

<https://www.smeschool.com/documents/2022-2023/SME%20ParentStudent%20Handbook%202022.pdf>

The last page has been sent home to sign off on reviewing this document. We appreciate the team work it takes between the home and school to ensure that expectations are met across the board.

A revised copy of the uniform policy went home last week. There is no need to sign off on that copy as each family has already done that as part of the registration process. This policy is also always available on our school website.

HSA- GREAT LAKES COFFEE FUNDRAISER

We are excited to partner with The Great Lakes Coffee company! This is a local company and has a shop on Genesee Street between Transit & Harris Hill! This is a great shop with great extended hours!

There is a flyer attached electronically today with all the details on how to shop, an easy way to snap a screenshot to share with family & friends with a quick text or share on Facebook!

Please be sure to indicate the first and last name of the child they are supporting when orders are placed to ensure proper distribution. Orders cannot be shipped directly. Out of town family & friends will need to coordinate with you a time to visit and get their order from you.

Here is a quick link to the fundraiser section (be sure to select St. Mary's Elementary): <https://www.greatlakesfundraisers.com/>

MY LITTLE SWEETHEART EVENT

On Friday, October 14th we invite all the little ladies and a special guy in their life to our My Little Sweetheart Event. Please find the invitation / RSVP coming home today!

Ladies! We need your help! If you are able to assist in any way (set up / during / clean up) please complete the following google form: <https://forms.gle/kpvuUHvXShdG4vGKA>



NURSE NOTES

All new students, PreK,K,1,3,5,7 need current physicals. Any student participating in sports needs a physical yearly, regardless of their current grade. Physicals are current for one year from the exam date.

If your child is needing any medications at school, a current order is needed for the school year 2022-2023.

Nurse Tara is no longer our full time nurse. Nurse Dara will be helping out in the meantime. Please continue to use the nurse@smeschool.com email address for any concerns. The nurse phone extension remains 128.

KITCHEN NEWS

The application for Free & Reduced lunches was included with the electronic version of the 9/14 NewsNote. This form is available for submission at any time throughout the school year should you have a change in your circumstance. A link is on the Lunch Menu tab.

The monthly lunch menu is always posted to our school website and parent portal.

Prepayment is encouraged. A handy cost calculator is at the top of the September & October menus.

If you are interested in celebrating your child's birthday, a birthday treat order form is available on the lunch menu tab of the school website.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Are you a parent / grandparent with a few hours to spare during the lunch hour?

We are looking to add volunteers to our lunch monitor crew. If you are interested please contact Mrs. Kuhn (secretary@smeschool.com) and your information will be shared with Mrs. Regina to coordinate with you.

The October Menu is coming home today and will be posted to the Website on Friday.

It is also always available in the parent portal.

ATHLETICS

A set of Bills Little People were donated and will be raffled off during Meet the Teacher Night.

Tickets are 1 / \$1 or 10 / \$5



CALLING INTO SME

Please be sure to call the schools absentee line or email your child's teacher (& copy Mrs. Kuhn) if they will be out for the day. This call/email is a notification of the absence. We still require an excuse note to be submitted upon your child's return to school.

Note that there is unfortunately no fun (or excruciating) hold music. It will be quiet and then beep, giving you the feeling that you've been cut off, but we assure you that has not happened. The system generated voice attendant will tell you there is no one available to take your call. Voicemails left are received by Mrs. Kuhn and the teachers and nurse are made aware of the absence.

8TH GRADE INFO



Last week an email was shared with 8th grade families which was compiled by Ms. Sullivan. This email was packed full of information for the high school transition.

Please be sure to print and sign the confirmation email you receive upon completion and submit to the main office. Without this signed document, we are unable to submit a copy of your child's 1st report card to their 1st & 2nd choice catholic high schools.

Please note: The confirmation email says that you are automatically signed up to take the placement exam at your first choice high school. I encourage you to follow up with your first choice school to ensure you are on their list.

Keep your eye on your inbox for a zoom invite from Ms. Sullivan to talk about all things 8th Grade. The zoom is 10/5 @ 7pm.

STAY IN THE KNOW



Save the Date: 10/7 No School

Save the Date: 10/10 No School

Save the Date: 10/11 & 10/12
School Picture Days

Save the Date: 10/26 K-8 Progress
Report Upload

Save the Date: 11/10 10:45 Early
Dismissal P/T Conferences

Save the Date: 11/11 No School
Veterans Day

Fundraiser Instructions



- Go to greatlakescoffeeroasters.com
- Click on the "Fundraising" tab
- Click on "Active Fundraisers"
- Click on "St. Mary's Elementary"
- The password is SCHOOL (must be in all caps)
- Select the item(s) you would like to purchase
- Each item requires the customer to input the student receiving credit for the sale (first and last name)
- During checkout select "Fundraiser" as the shipping option .
We DO NOT ship fundraiser orders
- Fundraiser runs 9/28-10/13

Item Details

- Each bag of coffee is one pound and comes ground
- Single serve cups come in 24 count bags

GREAT LAKES COFFEE ROASTERS
84 AERO DRIVE
SUITE 3
BUFFALO, NY 14225
716.508.2285



FALL PICTURE DAY IS HERE!

Picture Day is:

Tuesday, October 11, 2022 &
Wednesday, October 12, 2022

Pictures will be taken at:

St. Mary's Elementary School

CUSTOM STYLES MADE JUST FOR YOUR SCHOOL!



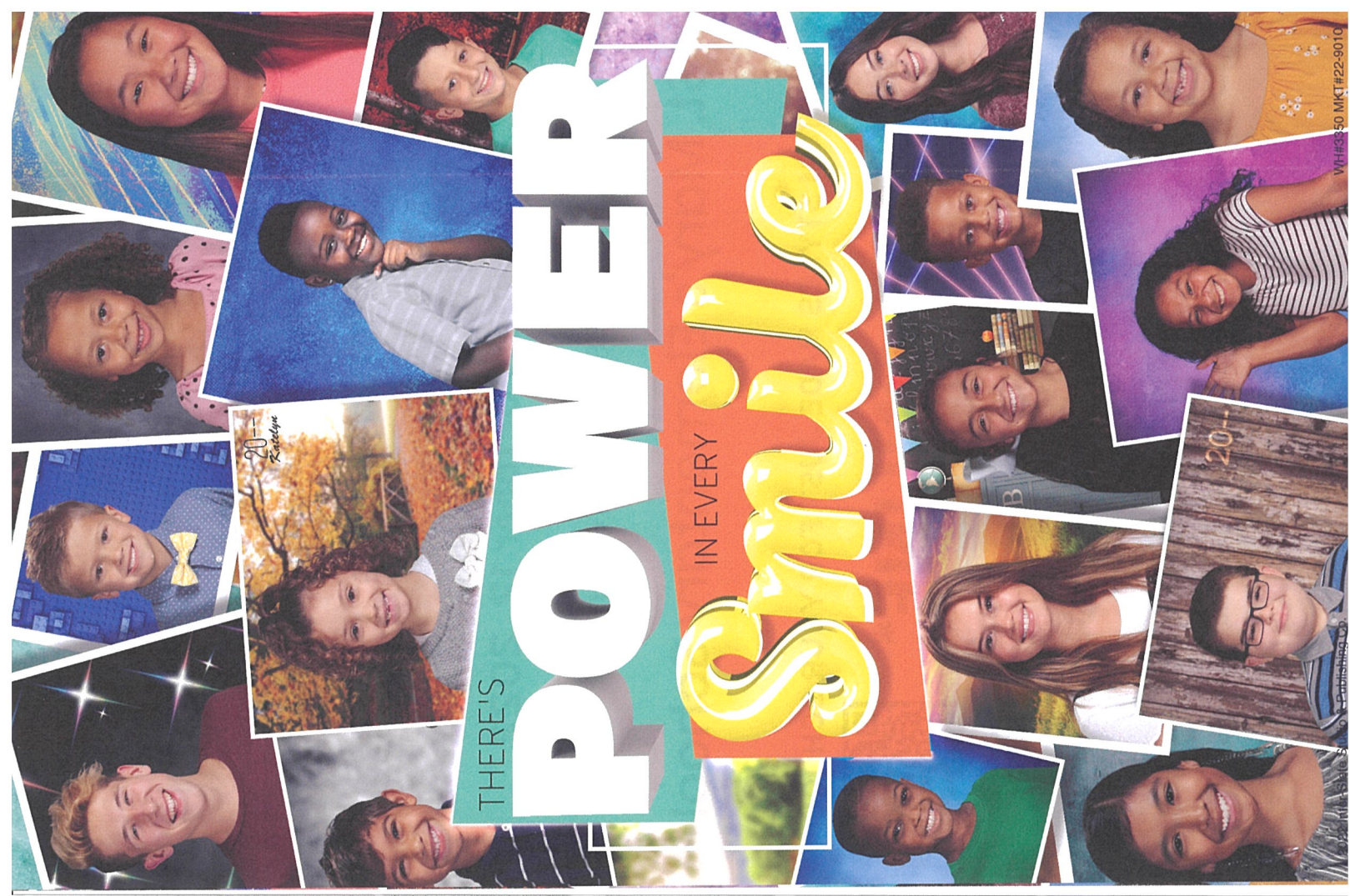
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Fight Flu

at Home and School

Flu, or influenza, spreads easily and can make people very sick, especially kids. You can help stop flu!

Flu symptoms include:

Fever or chills, body aches, cough, sore throat, headache, runny or stuffy nose, feeling very tired. Some people, especially children, may have stomach problems and diarrhea. Unlike a cold, the flu comes on very suddenly.

Prevent flu!

- Flu vaccine is the best protection against the flu. It is recommended every year for everyone 6 months and older.
- Get the flu vaccine for you and your children every year! It helps make flu sickness milder or prevents it all together.
- Getting the vaccine early in the fall means you and your children will be protected when flu season starts.
- Ask people close to your children, like babysitters and relatives, to get the vaccine, too.
- The vaccine is especially important for people with certain health conditions, like asthma, diabetes, heart or lung conditions because the flu can make them even sicker.

If your child gets the flu:

- Your child will need plenty of rest and lots of fluids.
- Keep your child home from school for at least 24 hours after their fever is gone without using fever-control medicine. This helps avoid giving the flu to others.
- Talk with your child's health care provider before giving a child any over-the-counter medicine.
- Never give your child or teenager aspirin or any medicine that has aspirin in it. Aspirin can cause serious problems.
- If your child gets flu symptoms and is younger than 5 or has a medical condition like asthma, diabetes, or heart or lung disease, call their health care provider. Young children and those with certain medical conditions are at greater risk for getting seriously ill from the flu. Ask their health care provider if they recommend an antiviral drug.
- If you are worried about your child, call their health care provider.

Don't spread flu!

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- If soap and water aren't handy, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Cough or sneeze into a tissue or your elbow, not your hands. Put used tissues in the trash.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. That's how germs spread.
- Stay away from people who are sick.

health.ny.gov/flu



Department
of Health

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, LANCASTER, NY- "...visible examples of Gospel living."

**Oct,
2022**

Student lunches are **\$3.50**, and adult lunches are **\$5.50**. During this time, we ask that all lunches be prepaid with either cash or check made out to SME, in the exact amount. Any overage will be kept on account. All lunches are comprised of five components; protein, whole grain, vegetables, fruit & milk. In addition to the main entrée, there are four alternate choices offered daily; Julienne Salad, Yogurt Parfait, Sunbutter/Jelly, and Ham/Cheese Sandwiches. **Snack will now be served to all grades during lunchtime. No snack is ever purchased on account. Snack money must be presented at point of sale. Snacks are \$0.25-\$0.75.** If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at kitchenmanager@smeschool.com. We appreciate your support. Tracy Hadsall, Liz Heerd & Jenny Fulciniti

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Lunch = \$3.50 2 Lunches = \$7.00 3 Lunches = \$10.50 4 Lunches = \$14.00 5 Lunches = \$17.50	6 Lunches = \$21.00 7 Lunches = \$24.50 8 Lunches = \$28.00 9 Lunches = \$31.50 10 Lunches = \$35.00	11 Lunches = \$38.50 12 Lunches = \$42.00 13 Lunches = \$45.50 14 Lunches = \$49.00 15 Lunches = \$52.50	16 Lunches = \$56.00 17 Lunches = \$59.50 18 Lunches = \$63.00 19 Lunches = \$66.50 Cash or Check to SME Change Will Go On Acct	No 'On Account' Snack Purchases Allowed Birthday Snacks for the Class are Paid for Separately, Please!
3 Breakfast Sandwich Potatoes Veggie Juice, Fruit & Milk	4 Nachos Grande w/Tortilla Chips Veggie, Fruit & Milk	5 No Alt B Available Antipasto Salad Garlic Bread Veggie, Fruit & Milk	6 Baked Pasta With Meatballs Veggie, Fruit & Milk	7 No School Enjoy Your Day!
10 Columbus Day No School	11 Mozzarella Sticks Marinara Sauce Veggies, Fruit & Milk	12 No Alt B Available Chicken Caesar Salad Garlic Bread Veggie, Fruit & Milk	13 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Veggie, Fruit & Milk	14 Cheese & Pepperoni Pizza Romaine Salad Fruit & Milk
17 French Toast Stix Egg Patty Veggie Juice, Fruit & Milk	18 Ramen Bowl (Chicken Broth w/Ramen) Veggies, Fruit & Milk	19 No Alt B Available Taco Salad w/Tortillas Veggie, Fruit & Milk	20 Meatball Bomber Veggies, Fruit & Milk	21 Cheese & Pepperoni Pizza Romaine Salad Fruit & Milk
24 Huge Hit Breakfast (Egg, Pancake, Ham) Potatoes & Veggie Juice Fruit & Milk	25 Sloppy Joe's Baked Beans Veggies, Fruit & Milk	26 No Alt B Available Market Salad w/Muffin (Chicken, Apples, Berries) Veggie, Fruit & Milk	27 Chicken Dinner Mashed Potatoes Veggies, Fruit & Milk	28 Cheese & Pepperoni Pizza Romaine Salad Fruit & Milk
31 Happy Halloween! Boo-tiful Breakfast! Egg, Waffles, Bacon Potatoes & Veggie Juice Fruit & Milk	We Appreciate Your Support of Our School Lunch Program	Our School Lunches Are Made with the Freshest Ingredients!	Happy Customers Are Repeat Customers! Find Your Fave Lunch!	A = Main Lunch B = Julienne Salad C = Yogurt Parfait D = Sunbutter & Jelly E = Ham & Cheese

Menu subject to change.

Prepayment Guidelines for Student Lunches at St Mary's Elementary

1. The upcoming lunch menu is always posted on the SME Website by the last Wednesday of the month. Once you look over the menu, you may decide to prepay for as many or as few lunches as you wish.
2. A check or cash may be sent with your child/children in an envelope clearly labeled with 'Name, Amount Enclosed, and Number of Lunches Paying For.'
3. The Kitchen will then record how many Prepaid Lunches are available for your student(s), and will be marked accordingly. We will track your account(s) as the lunches are used and the account is depleted.
4. Even if the account balance is at zero, no child will ever go without a lunch. A Notice of Account will be sent via e-mail to indicate that the account needs to be replenished.
5. We also allow for ala carte milk to be prepaid. We will record and track daily milk purchases, just as we do for lunches. Simply send in a clearly marked envelope with your 'Name, Amount Enclosed, and Number of Milk Purchases Paying For.'
6. Any questions regarding the SME Lunch Program, contact us at kitchenmanager@smeschool.com, or 683-2112 extension 119 during school business hours.

Please note our daily offerings and menu options are subject to change. Our menu has become somewhat more fluid, often changing to accommodate supply chain interruptions and shortages. We have had to make several changes as deliveries have not included what was requested at the beginning of the month, when the menu was created. We do not always know when a manufacturer stops production or drops a product from their line because of demand, or lack thereof. Although these substitutions are made after the menu has been created, the daily offerings are still in keeping with the National School Lunch Program, and adhere to all standards set forth. If you have any questions or concerns, please email us at kitchenmanager@smeschool.com. Thank you for your support of our school lunch program! We love our Customers and appreciate their patience.

From the Kitchen of St Mary's Elementary

Families & Friends of SME,

We appreciate your support and patronage of our school lunch program. It is a program that we are proud of, and hope to see continue for years to come.

As parents of both current and former SME students ourselves, we have seen firsthand the changes the lunch program has endured. As we continue to improve and plan throughout the school year, we hope that you, the SME Family, buy with confidence and assurance, knowing we are committed to serving only the best, to the best! That's SME!

Daily selections range from freshly made sandwiches and soups, fresh fruits and vegetables and from-scratch entrees. We limit the amount of pre-packaged, pre-assembled items that we serve so that you can feel comfortable knowing that your student is eating healthier at lunchtime.



Daily lunches are just one of the many offerings available to you.

Your student can celebrate a birthday with his or her class by enjoying one of our many allergy friendly, baked, reduced fat or whole grain snacks.

Volunteering in the cafeteria? We would love to serve you a freshly-made Julienne salad, mixed berry yogurt parfait, or just a bowl of homemade soup. Email us your order and we will be happy to serve you, and your student!



Our pre-pay plan allows for easy, breezy weekly planning. With a main entrée and five alternate choices offered daily, there are options for every student, every appetite. Lunches can be prepaid with cash or check made out to SME. Account balances are maintained, and notices will be sent out monthly to keep you up-to-date.

We wish our SME family a happy and healthy school year! We look forward to serving you in 2022-2023.

Tracy Hadsall, Liz Heerdts & Jenny Fulciniti

SME Kitchen

kitchenmanager@smeschool.com



St Mary's Elementary Student Menu Favorites

Bflo Chicken Sandwich	Whole Grain Breaded Chicken Patty, Melted Provolone with a Side of Frank's Sauce and Blue Cheese Dressing
Breakfast Sandwich	Whole Grain English Muffin, Scrambled Egg Patty, Slice of American Cheese and Ham
Breakfast Pizza	Whole Grain Pizza Crust topped with Eggs, Cheddar & Mozzarella Cheeses and Real Bacon Crumbles
Baked Pasta & Meatballs	Whole Grain Pasta Baked with Marinara Sauce, Mozzarella Cheese and Mini Meatballs
Chicken Dinner	Chicken pieces lightly battered and baked to a Tasty Crunch served with Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Veggies and Fruit
Chicken Parm	Whole Grain Breaded Chicken Patty, baked with Low Fat Mozzarella Cheese and Marinara Sauce
Chicken Alfredo	Chicken tossed in a delicate Alfredo Sauce, served over Whole Grain Pasta
Chicken Souvlaki	Boneless, Skinless, marinated Chicken Breast grilled and served with fresh Vegetables (sweet peppers, onions, romaine), Feta Cheese and Greek Dressing; served as either an open salad, or stuffed into a Whole Grain Pita Pocket
Calzones	Whole Grain Pocket with Marinara Sauce and Ricotta & Mozzarella Cheeses
Cheese Pizza	Whole Grain Pizza Crust with Tomato Sauce and Low Fat Mozzarella
Chicken Fajitas	Marinated Chicken Breasts sliced and grilled with Sweet Peppers and Onions. Served on a Whole Grain Tortilla with toppings and Brown Rice
Chicken Stir Fry	Boneless, Skinless Chicken Breast marinated in a Teriyaki Sauce, sautéed with Fresh/Frozen Asian Vegetables, served with Brown Rice
Chicken Caesar Salad	Romaine Lettuce topped with lightly seasoned Grilled Chicken Breast, Real Crumbled Bacon, Whole Grain Croutons, Grated Parmesan Cheese and Caesar Dressing
Chicken Incredi Bowl	Chunks of Breaded Chicken and Corn on top of Mashed Potatoes, with Chicken Gravy and melted Cheddar Cheese
Cheeseburger	Hamburger Patty on Whole Grain Bun with Cheese, Condiments on Side
Fish Sandwich	Battered Cod served on a Whole Grain Bun with Cheese. Freshly made Coleslaw is served on the side
French Toast Sticks	Whole Grain French Toast Sticks baked and served with Warm Syrup, Sausage Links and Hash Brown Patty
Grilled Cheese	Whole Grain Bread and American Cheese grilled to a golden crisp, served with Tomato Soup
Goulash	Whole Grain Pasta Baked with Marinara Sauce, Sautéed Onions, Sweet Peppers and Ground Beef
Italiano Incredi Bowl	Risotto (Italian Arborio Rice), Mini Meatballs, Escarole & Northern Beans sprinkled with Parmesan Cheese
Loaded Baked Potato	Fresh, delivered weekly, Russet Potatoes, baked and topped with Steamed Broccoli, melted Cheese and Real Bacon Crumbles
Mozzarella Sticks	Whole Grain Breading over Mozzarella Cheese, baked and served with Marinara Sauce
Mexi Incredi Bowl	Brown Rice served in a Bowl covered with Taco Meat, Corn, Black Beans, Shredded Cheddar Cheese & Taco Sauce
Nachos Grande	Lean Ground Beef spiced with Taco Seasonings, served hot over Whole Grain Tortilla Chips, topped with melted Mild Cheddar Cheese Sauce, with Optional Salsa, Sour Cream and or Hot Sauce
Popcorn Chicken	Whole Grain Breaded Popcorn Chicken Bites baked to a tasty Crunch! Served with Optional BBQ Sauce
Ramen Incredi Bowl	Restaurant Grade Ramen Noodles and Broth, served with a variety of Fresh Veggies
Sweet-n-Sour Chicken	Crunchy Popcorn Chicken tossed in a Sweet Sour Sauce, served over a Bowl of Brown Rice
Turkey Dinner	Sliced Turkey, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, Veggies & Cranberry Sauce, and even Fruit Pie! So Grateful are We!
Taco-in-a-Bag	Taco Meat scooped into a Bag of Whole Grain Tortilla Chips with Shredded Cheddar Cheese & Salsa

Protecting God's Children (for Adults 18+)

Parish and Catholic school employees and volunteers, over the age of eighteen, who work with children and young people in the Diocese of Buffalo, are required to attend a sexual abuse awareness session. The **three and one half hour live, in-person** workshops are scheduled at the following times and locations. Note that online **pre-registration at www.virtus.org is required.**

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Protecting God's Children for Adults Workshop Schedule

September 2022			October 2022 (Con't)		
Sep 27	6:00 PM	Newman Center – SUNYAB (Amherst)	Oct 21	9:00 AM	Northern Chautauqua Cath Sch
October 2022			Oct 24	6:00 PM	St. Bernadette (Orchard Park)
Oct 4	6:00 PM	Nativity of Our Lord (Orchard Park)	Oct 25	6:00 PM	St. Joseph Regional Sch (Batavia)
Oct 6	6:00 PM	St. Mark School (Buffalo)	November 2022		
Oct 8	9:00 AM	St. Andrew's Country Day Sch	Nov 8	6:00 PM	St. Stephen Church (Grand Island)
Oct 12	6:00 PM	St. Andrew's Country Day Sch	Nov 9	6:00 PM	St. Mary Sch (Swormville)
Oct 12	6:00 PM	Archbishop Walsh Academy (Olean)	Nov 16	6:00 PM	St. Andrew's Country Day Sch
Oct 19	6:00 PM	St. John Paul II (Lake View)	Nov 19	9:00 AM	St. Andrew's Country Day Sch
Oct 20	6:00 PM	St. Peter Sch (Lewiston)	December 2022 (Con't)		
			Dec 7	6:00 PM	St. Andrew's Country Day Sch

PRE-REGISTRATION AND ADDITIONAL WORKSHOPS:

All workshops are scheduled at the request of parishes and schools.

PRE-REGISTRATION is Required.

For an UPDATED LIST OF WORKSHOPS or to PRE-REGISTER:

Go to www.virtus.org and then click on "First Time Registrant" – OR -

Go to www.buffalodiocese.org/protecting-gods-children

HOW TO REPORT ABUSE:

To report sexual misconduct of a minor by a **member of clergy (priest or deacon)**, an employee, or a volunteer, **contact the civil authorities** and the **Diocese of Buffalo**.

Victim Assistance Coordinator, Jacqueline Joy:

Phone: (716) 895-3010

Email: jacqueline.joy@ccwny.org

Or contact **EthicsPoint**, a third-party reporting hotline

Phone: (844) 573-4177

On the web: buffalodiocese.ethicspoint.com

To report sexual **misconduct by a bishop**, **contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting system (CBAR)**,

Call the 3rd Party hotline: **(800) 276-1562**

On the web: **ReportBishopAbuse.org**

Working Together to Create a Safe Environment for Our Children

Safe Environment Requirements for Adults:

1. Complete a standardized employment/volunteer application
2. Sign the Code of Conduct
3. Check at least 2 references
4. Conduct a criminal background check through the Diocese
5. Attend Protecting God's Children Workshop and continue ongoing training bulletins/re-certifications

Pre-registration is REQUIRED

To register for an upcoming workshop:

Register on the Internet:

Go to <http://www.virtus.org>

Click on "First-Time-Registrant"

OR Check with your parish/school for registration help



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of western new york



Scan here to join us or visit
www.gswny.org/join

Join us today!

Be **bold**. Be **courageous**.
Be **a leader**. Be **adventurous**.
Most importantly, Be yourself.

You are invited to meet new friends, learn more, and register
for Girl Scouts at a Girl Scout Registration Night.

Come check out Girl Scouts of Western New
York! We are hosting a Registration Night for you
and your daughter

There will be two information sessions in one night:

Thursday, October 6th

In-person at the Lancaster Library from 6-7 PM

Virtually Via Zoom 7-7:30 PM

RSVP is Mandatory, Zoom link will be sent when RSVP- Email

Ashley.Ayers@GSWNY.org or text (716) 310-8250

Cost of membership is \$25, financial aid is available

Have Questions? See our most asked about FAQ's on the back.

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What can I expect to do as a girl scout?

Girl Scouts is all about fun, friendship and new adventures. You will make friends, challenge yourself, write your own story, and learn how to change the world for the better. Some Girl Scouts love to camp, some love to build things, some love to read, some love to learn, and so much more – the great thing is they get to do it with new friends!

What is the time commitment involved?

Most girls spend a few hours (3-4) every month working on badge projects and attending troop meetings/events.

What is the financial commitment involved?

Girls pay a yearly membership fee of \$25 to be part of Girl Scouts. In addition there may be small fees for activities and troop dues throughout the year. As an organization we are deeply committed to ensuring that all girls have the opportunity to participate in Girl Scouts. Financial assistance is available to assist families.

Is my age important?

Girls in Kindergarten through grade 12 can join Girl Scouts. Girls progress through programming levels and each level offers challenges and opportunities for girls to learn and achieve.

Is it true I can earn scholarships?

Yes, Girl Scouts who complete the Higher Awards including Bronze, Silver and Gold can earn scholarships for college. In addition, GSWNY is a member of Sage Tuition Rewards and you can learn more about the program at gswny.org/Sage.

Is it necessary to be part of a troop?

Not all Girl Scouts choose to be part of a troop. Some instead choose to be Juliette's, independent Girl Scouts who do not belong to a specific troop but do participate in activities, badge programs, camp, and cookie selling based on their interests.

How do I become a member?

Visit gswny.org/join to sign up for Girl Scouts. In addition, you can call Customer Care at 1-888-837-6410 and they will assist you with the membership process.

What's the deal with Girl Scout cookies? What if I don't want to sell?

While cookie selling isn't a required part of the Girl Scout experience, it does give girls a chance to be part of the largest girl-led business in the country and it teaches 5 important skills: Goal Setting, Decision Making, Money Management, People Skills, and Business Ethics. In addition, the proceeds your troop earns from cookie sales go toward fun activities for the troop.

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